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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are a "List of Prior Art Cited by Applicant" (PTO Form 1449) as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1) and copies of the documents listed therein.

Referenced as AA is US Patent 6,049,549 by Ganz, et al. It was dated 4/11/2000 and has a Class/Subclass of 370/449.

Referenced as AB is US Patent 6,118,761 by Kalkunte, et al. It was dated 9/12/2000 and has a Class/Subclass of 370/229.

Referenced as AC is US Patent 5,659,787 by Schieltz, et al. It was dated 8/19/1997 and has a Class/Subclass of 395/200.56.

Referenced as AD is US Patent 5,818,845 by Moura, et al. It was dated 10/6/1998 and has a Class/Subclass of 370/449.

Referenced as AL is Foreign Patent JP10-294749, dated 1998-11-04, entitled "Polling Delay Avoidance System".

Referenced as AM is Foreign Patent JP10-327148, dated 1998-12-08, entitled "Communication Network Management Method, Communication Network Management System Realizing the Method and Recording Medium Recording Medium Recording Program of the Method".

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the enclosed documents and indicate consideration thereof by initialing the enclosed PTO form 1449 and returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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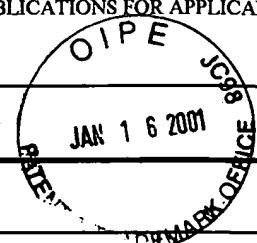
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